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SUBJECT

Automobile License Requirements at New York Port of Entry

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

For Information Only

The following information, which has been abstracted from material received from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, may be of interest to Station personnel preparing to enter the United States through the New York Port of Entry:

"a. Many purchasers of foreign cars who import them to this country (or individuals returning with American cars under foreign registration) are of the mistaken impression that New York State allows a period of grace during which the owner may drive his car under its foreign registration and plates.

This is definitely not true and such a vehicle is considered to be un-registered--a violation of New York's Vehicle and Traffic Law.

There is only one exception to the rule. United States military personnel who bring their personal vehicles bearing Armed Forces plates back to this country are allowed three days to travel in New York State to either their place of residence or their new point of duty. During the three days from the date of arrival, they may continue to display plates issued by the Armed Forces.

"b. If you reside in a State other than New York, you must install registration plates on your vehicle before you leave the pier or enter the State. European plates are not valid here unless you are a permanent resident of Europe here on a visit.

There are two courses you may follow:

- 1 - You may attach a number plate from your home State, or,
- 2 - After July 1, 1964, you may obtain an in-transit permit and number plate from New York State.

Applications for the in-transit permit are available at the following offices of this Department in New York City: 155 Worth Street, Manhattan; 320 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn; St. Mark's Place, St. George, Staten Island; 2265 East Tremont Avenue, The Bronx; and 89-01 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica. They are also available from county clerks elsewhere in the State. The permit, issued at a cost of \$5, is issued only to owners who intend to drive their cars through this State to another jurisdiction where it is to be registered.

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The permit is valid for 30 days and lists the restrictions under which the vehicle may be operated. In applying for the in-transit permit, you must present adequate proof of ownership and certify that the vehicle is covered by liability insurance.

"c. If you are a resident of New York, you must obtain New York registration and number plates and install them before you are allowed to drive the car from the pier or enter the State.

"d. For proof of ownership, the Department will accept any one of the following: a bill of sale issued by the manufacturer, a certificate of origin by the manufacturer, a bill of sale issued by the foreign dealer, or a previous registration certificate. For the last-named, a certificate issued by a foreign country or by the Armed Services or an International registration will suffice."

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